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TO AMEMBASSY SOFIA

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TAGS: PFOR, SHUM, BU

SUBJECT: KOLEVA DIVIDED FAMILY

REF: SOFIA 1180

1. EUR/EE INFORMED BY FATHER OF IVA KOLEVA THAT HE WAS SERVED SUMMONS BY DEPUTY US MARSHAL DURING LAST WEEK IN JULY ON BEHALF OF BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT. SUMMONS CALLS ON KOLEV TO APPEAR BEFORE GABROVO DISTRICT COURT ON SEPTEMBER 14 FOR HEARING ON WHETHER OR NOT KOLEVS SHOULD BE DEPRIVED OF THEIR PARENTAL RIGHTS. KOLEVS ARE NOT US CITIZENS AND HAVE NO INTENTION OF APPEARING; MOREOVER, THEY DO NOT AT THIS POINT APPEAR TO BE WILLING TO HIRE BULGARIAN LAWYER TO REPRESENT THEM. KOLEV STATED THAT HE BELIEVES MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER, PARASKEVA VARCHIEVA, HAS BEEN "PUT UP" TO DEMANDING THAT IVA STAY WITH HER IN BULGARIA AND PROBABLY TO INSTITUTING THIS PROCEEDING. GRANDMOTHER REPORTEDLY WORKS FOR LOCAL MILITIA IN SEVLIEVO.

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2. KOLEV HAS ALREADY CONTACTED CBS NEWS ABOUT CASE, AND IS CONTEMPLATING ALERTING OTHER NEWS MEDIA. WE ADVISED THAT HE HOLD OFF FOR TIME BEING UNTIL EMBASSY HAS INVESTIGATED MATTER, AND HE AGREED.

3. WE WONDER IF MFA AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICES IN SOFIA ARE EVEN AWARE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. DEPARTMENT

FEELS THAT EMBASSY SHOULD RAISE THIS CASE ASAP WITH MFA,
AND URGE THE GOB TO INVESTIGATE COURT ACTION. YOU MIGHT
MAKE POINT THAT, WHILE WE REALIZE CASE IS SOMEWHAT COMP-
LICATED BY GRANDMOTHER'S INSISTENCE THAT IVA NOT EMIGRATE,
TO PROCEED WITH THE HEARING MIGHT PROVE DAMAGING TO
GOOD RECORD BULGARIA HAS BUILT UP RECENTLY ON FAMILY
REUNIFICATIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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